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HHS to stage 'Mamma Mia' next month

Broadway comes to Holyoke next month as the Holyoke High School Music Department stages its 21st annual musical, "Mamma Mia!" from Thursday through Sunday, March 26-29, in the John Sears Auditorium at Holyoke High School's North Campus.

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Garden symposium slated for spring

The Western Massachusetts Master Gardener Association will offer three gardening symposia this spring, including one in Holyoke.

Registrations are being taken for the series featuring three Saturdays of workshops and talks for begin-

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Middle schoolers can join book club

Students in grades 6 and 7 are invited to join the Storycatchers, a monthly book club where they will hang out, talk about books, and — of course — enjoy snacks.

The first subject is "Book Scavenger," by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman, to be discussed 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26. Copies are available at the library now.

Registration is not required and this event is free. For more information, email Charlie at cpope@hol yokelibrary.org. The library is at 250 Chestnut St., Holyoke.

Council asks for 4 more officers

By Peter Spotts
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With less than a month until grant applications close, the City Council is pushing for Mayor Alex Morse and Police Chief Manny Febo to ask for funding that would bring four additional police officers into the city.

Following multiple shootings last month, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Murphy took the lead on an ordinance that he said would make the affected city neighborhoods safer, and allow parents to feel comfortable about their children's daily trips to and from school.

"Some of the things that were emphasized [were] in terms of school — not so much once the kids are in school, but getting the kids at Morgan and Lawrence — there is significant concerns in terms of safety going to and from," Murphy said. "I know Dr. Zrike and the chief had talked about potentially trying to get some additional police presence during those times."

Murphy said additional officers would allow the Police Department to increase its presence during those concern times, while also freeing up current officers for other duties.

"The chief has told me to do a community policing project would require four officers," Murphy said. "I would

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Grand colleen is crowned

By Shelby Macri
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Moira McDermott bowed her head in her hands before looking up and smiling at the encouraging crowd.

The young ladies standing beside her offered congratulations as she received her cape and tiara. McDermott, 17, couldn't believe it. She was the grand colleen.

"I really was in total shock and excitement," McDermott said after the 2020 Grand Colleen Coronation Ball on Saturday at the Log Cabin in Holyoke. "I was not expecting it. And I kept thinking, 'Please say my name,' and then they actually did, and I was like, 'Did I hear that right?' It was honestly so exciting."

McDermott was one of three South Hadley residents among the five finalists in the colleen competition. The other four finalists will serve as her court; they will all ride in the Holyoke colleen float in the March 22 Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade. Before the parade, the grand colleen and her court will attend several "Irish season" events and St. Patrick's Committee functions.

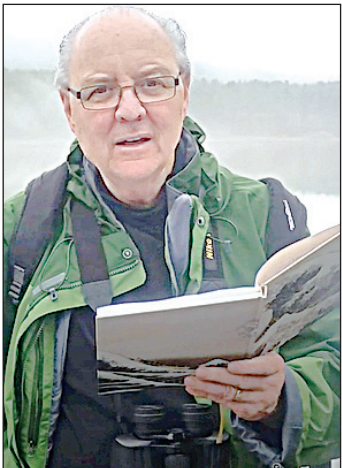
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Above, the Holyoke St. Patrick's Committee named Moira McDermott, 17, of South Hadley, as this year's grand colleen. Left, Moira McDermott, second from left, reacts after being named the 2020 grand colleen at the Coronation Ball held Feb. 15. Standing with her are fellow finalists — and Colleen's Court members — from left, Hayley Dusseault, Natalie Mayko, Patricia Haradon and Emily Couture. Photos by Shelby Macri

Poet to return to library where worldwide journey began

By Shelby Macri
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Daniel Shanahan writes poetry informed by a life of travel and reflection, but grounded in his experiences growing up in Holyoke. Submitted photo

Holyoke native and returning resident Daniel Shanahan is a published poet and a soon to be honored guest at the Holyoke Public Library. Shanahan will read poetry from his newest collection, "The Ground We Stand On," at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7, as part of the library's yearlong 150th anniversary celebration.

Shanahan recently moved back to Holyoke after living in India. He had moved there to study under the monks and practice meditation, after having met a meditation master in California. Much of his work is based on prayers and teachings

he learned in India.

When he performs in Holyoke on March 7, however, he'll be reading poems with a wider theme — the evolution of the world and the effect on and of humans.

"This collection, 'The Ground We Stand On,' reflects on what we stand upon," Shanahan said. "The Earth itself, recalls the formation by glaciers, the river, the native cultures, immigration and the mills, all of which shaped the characters of the landscape that shaped the world I lived in."

Shanahan further explains this collection as the characteristics of the landscapes that shaped the landscapes of our characters.

Shanahan finds a way to show that we as humans are directly connected to this Earth, and through his poetry he tells stories of the landscapes and characters that shaped his life and existence. He explained that the collection of poems ties the mills in Holyoke to the silk button mills in Japan.

"Most times the poems just come out, I don't have to force them," Shanahan said. "Images embed themselves in our memory, and memory is the darkroom of the brain, the story wants to be told and the poem knows what it needs to do. It already exists, it just

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Bank CEO comes home as JFK Award winner

The St. Patrick's Committee of Holyoke has announced that the 63rd recipient of the JFK National Award is David W. Glidden, a Holyoke native, philanthropist, and the president and CEO of Liberty Bank.

The John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Award is presented annually to an American of Irish descent who has achieved distinction in his or her chosen field.

"I am so humbled to receive this award as it means so much to me, not only as it recognizes my Irish heritage but my hometown of Holyoke," said Glidden. "This city and the Parade Committee have always meant so much to me and the Glidden family. I've been fortunate in life, but it's true what they say, that all roads lead back to Holyoke."

Mike Ahearn, chairman of the JFK National Award selection committee, said, "The Parade Committee takes special pride in recognizing the achievements of fellow Holyokers, and Dave is certainly one that we are proud to call one of our own."

Glidden joined Liberty Bank in March 2019 with more than 30 years of banking experience and community involvement. Liberty is Connecticut's oldest bank, with over \$5.8 billion in assets and 60 banking offices to serve consumer, business and commercial banking customers. He also serves on Liberty Bank's Board of Directors and is president and CEO of the Liberty Bank Charitable Foundation.

Glidden's extensive industry leadership spans more than three decades, and he is a well-known and familiar leader in the banking industry and philanthropy on the national, regional and state-



David Glidden, left, the 2020 recipient of the JFK National Award, stands with Parade President Marc Joyce.

Submitted photo

wide levels. Before joining Liberty Bank, Glidden held the position of regional president for Northern New England and Upstate New York for TD Bank, managing all banking operations throughout the region.

During his banking career, he has served on numerous national, regional and statewide boards and committees, and continues to be an active industry leader and advocate today. In addition to his involvement with the Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and New York state banking associations, he is involved with the American Bankers Association and organizations such as BDC Capital of New England Inc., serving on its Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Glidden's passion for volunteering and his commitment to philanthropy and the community have earned him various accolades, including the 2010 Distinguished Citizen Award from the

Boy Scouts of America and the 2009 Distinguished Citizens Campaign Chair for the Western Massachusetts Council. While those organizations and many more are important to him, Glidden and his family's primary devotion is their work with the American Cancer Society.

In January 2020, Glidden was elected chairman of the American Cancer Society's Southern and Western New England Area Board of Directors. Over more than 25 years of his involvement with the American Cancer Society, he has raised millions of dollars that have been dedicated to cancer research, as well as cancer patients and family services. He received the society's highest national volunteer recognition award for lifetime achievement, the 2017 St. George National Award, in recognition of his outstanding service in support of their mission. He also accepted the society's Omar T. Pace M.D. Recognition Award in 2002.

In addition, Glidden was treasurer of the society's New England Board of Directors, whose capital campaign raised \$35 million to build "Hope Lodges" in Boston and in Burlington, Vt., that provide free, safe, comfortable and convenient lodging for patients who need to travel away from home to get the cancer treatment they need.

Originally from Holyoke, Glidden is a graduate of Holyoke Catholic High School, Providence College and attended the National School of Banking in Fairfield, Conn., and the Ivey School of Executive Management in Toronto. Glidden and his wife, Michelle, live in Glastonbury, Conn., and are parents to Rosemarie and Elizabeth.

Glidden's family still has strong ties to the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade. His late father, Fred Glidden, was an active committee member, serving as president in 1985, and was the 2014 recipient of the O'Connell Award.

Marc Joyce, the 2020 parade president, commented: "Dave's personal and professional achievements certainly make him deserving of the prestigious JFK National Award. It will certainly be a great pleasure to have Dave and his family return to Holyoke for parade weekend."

Glidden will be recognized at a reception in his honor Saturday, March 21, at the Log Cabin in Holyoke. To purchase tickets, contact Sue Poulin at suziesrite@aol.com or Kelsey Lecca at kelseylecca@gmail.com or 347-408-8113.

The 69th St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held Sunday, March 22. For more information, visit holyokestpatrickspade.com.



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Presidential, Senate early voting starts Mon.

By Michael Ballway
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Voting in Massachusetts’ presidential primary, and in the special primary election for state Senate, begins Monday in Holyoke.

The Democratic, Republican, Green-Rainbow and Libertarian parties are holding elections to determine which candidates Massachusetts delegates will support for U.S. president in 2020. On a separate ballot available at the same time, voters in the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District will also choose nominees for a special mid-term election to fill the seat vacated by former state Sen. Donald Humason. The 11-town district stretches from Chicopee to Tolland and includes all of Holyoke.

Early voting polls will be open Monday through Friday, Feb. 24-28, at City Hall, 536 Dwight St., Holyoke, 8:40 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Feb. 25, early voting will also be available from 9 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center, 291 Pine St., Holyoke. Registered voters also have the option to request an early voting ballot through the mail, by filling out the application at www.holyoke.org/departments/city-clerk/#extra7-tab and returning

it to the Registrar of Voter’s Office, 536 Dwight St., Holyoke, MA 01040.

Those who do not vote in the early voting period can cast their ballots on Tuesday, March 3, at Holyoke’s usual precinct polling places and times.

Participants in early voting, like voters on March 3, will be able to vote in the presidential primary election, as well as the primary for the special state Senate election. Registered members of the Democratic, Republican, Green-Rainbow and Libertarian parties can vote on their party’s ballot; political independents (“unenrolled”) can choose to vote on any party’s primary ballot.

Those who select Democratic ballots can choose from 15 candidates in the presidential primary. Listed in ballot order, they are former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, Minnesota U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Massachusetts U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Colorado U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet, former New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Hawaii U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, New Jersey U.S. Sen. Cory Booker, former San Antonio, Texas, Mayor Julian Castro, California hedge fund manager Tom Steyer, Vermont U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, former Vice President Joseph R. Biden, former

Maryland U.S. Rep. John K. Delaney, New York entrepreneur Andrew Yang, former South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg, and California author Marianne Williamson. Bennet, Booker, Castro, Delaney, Patrick, Williamson and Yang appear on ballots even though they are no longer actively campaigning.

On the same ballot as the presidential primary, voters will also decide a contested race for Democratic state committeeman for the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire Senate District, between Raymond M.P. Drewnowski of Holyoke and David George Morin of Agawam. There is only one candidate for Democratic state committeewoman, Marjorie R. Dunelew of Holyoke. On a separate ballot for the special local primary election, John C. Velis of Westfield is the only Democratic candidate for state Senate.

Republican ballots for the presidential primary will include former Massachusetts Gov. William F. Weld, former Illinois U.S. Rep. Joe Walsh, incumbent President Donald J. Trump, and California businessman Roque “Rocky” de la Fuente. Walsh appears on ballots even though he has suspended his campaign.

Richard A. Berrena of Holyoke

is the only name on local ballots for Republican state committeeman; Linda Vacon of Holyoke is the sole candidate for Republican state committeewoman. In the separate state Senate primary election, John Francis Cain of Southwick is the one Republican candidate.

Green-Rainbow ballots for the presidential primary will include Dario Hunter, Sednam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza-Curry, Kent Mesplay and Howard Hawkins. There are no candidates on Holyoke Green-Rainbow ballots for state committee or state senator.

Libertarian ballots for the presidential primary will include Arvin Vohra, Vermin Love Supreme, Jacob George Hornberger, Samuel Joseph Robb, Dan Taxation is Theft Behrman, Kimberly Margaret Ruff, Kenneth Reed Armstrong, Adam Kokesh, Jo Jorgensen and Max Abramson. There are no candidates on Holyoke Libertarian ballots for state committee or state senator.

Holyoke residents can check their voter registration status at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele, or call the city Registrar of Voters Office at 413-322-5540. The deadline to register to vote or change parties for the primary election was Feb. 12. Any additional questions can be directed to the city clerk at 413-322-5520.

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ning and advanced gardeners alike, led by local New England professionals and educators. Lunch options, book sales, and local vendor marketplace available at each event.

The first symposium is 8:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Frontier Regional High School in South Deerfield, featuring the theme “Gardening in Changing Times.” Keynote speaker Connor Stedman, designer and ecologist at Appleseed Permaculture of High Falls, N.Y., will discuss “Repairing the Web of Life: Lessons from Land, Place, and History for Gardening in the Climate Change Era.”

The second symposium is 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Lenox Memorial Middle-High School in Lenox, with the theme “Spring into Spring.”

Keynote speaker Bridghe McCracken, founder of Helia Land Design and Helia Native Nursery, will talk on “Preserving Our Native Ecosystem’s Native Trees and Shrubs by Identifying and Removing Invasive Plants.”

The third symposium is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Holyoke High School, featuring topics such as “Super Soils — Super Gardens,” “Making Your Garden Edible,” “Summer Flowering Bulbs, Bold and Beautiful,” “Cultivating Mushrooms at Home” and more. Soil testing will be offered.

Each symposium is intentionally designed for a wide range of gardeners, from newbies just starting their first garden at a new home or with kids, to experienced gardeners who are looking for new ideas or to keep current on topics they may already enjoy.

For more information or to register, visit www.wmmga.org.

EforAll gets grant for Spanish program

EforAll Holyoke will receive a \$100,000 state grant for its first Spanish-language effort, the governor’s office announced this week.

The new “E para Todos” initiative will recruit Spanish-speaking entrepreneurs, mentors and judges for the nonprofit’s business accelerator and pitch contests.

The funds are part of a \$2 million Urban Agenda Grant Program supporting 23 programs in cities throughout the state.

“Our administration is committed to partnering with local leaders and community organizations that are on the ground in urban neighborhoods to encourage collaborative, high-impact projects that directly impact the quality of life and access to opportunity of residents,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “The flexibility of the Urban Agenda program enables investments in a wide-range of initiatives that train unemployed individuals for jobs, assist local entrepreneurs and prepare

small businesses for success.”

Launched by the Baker-Polito Administration in 2015, Urban Agenda program grants are competitive one-year grants that offer flexible funding for local partnerships to implement programming and projects that are based on creative collaborative work models, with the goal of urban communities achieving economic progress. Awards prioritize collaboration, shared accountability and building leadership capacity at the local level.

For this year’s Urban Agenda grants, the administration prioritized funding for projects that directly address recommendations of the Black Advisory Commission and the Latino Advisory Commission, established by Baker in 2017.

EforAll, also known as SPARK Holyoke, promotes entrepreneurship in the city. The organization has offices at 193 High St., Holyoke.

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The show, which features the 1970s-80s hits of the band ABBA, follows the story of Donna, an independent hotelier

in the Greek islands, and her daughter Sophie, who is getting married. Sophie secretly invites three men from her mother’s past in the hope of meeting her real father and having him escort her down the aisle on her big day.

Tickets will go on sale starting Monday, March 16, and may be purchased at Holyoke High School and at The Cottage at 1615 Northampton St. Performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings are at 7:30 p.m., and

the performance on Sunday afternoon is at 2 p.m. All seating is reserved. Golden Circle tickets for seats in the front three rows are \$20 (no discounts). All other reserved tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for senior citizens, students and children.

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Hibernians to honor Jericho director at breakfast

The AOH and LAOH will present their 2020 Christian Charity Award to Sister Joan Magnani, SSJ, the executive director of Jericho, the Bureau for Exceptional Children and Adults, at their annual Communion Breakfast next month.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians James A. Curran Division 1 and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 2 of Hampden and Hampshire Counties will gather Sunday, March 15, for a Mass at St. Patrick’s Chapel of St. Jerome’s Parish, 169 Hampden St., Holyoke, followed by the Communion Breakfast at the Wherehouse?, 109 Lyman St., Holyoke.

“I am honored and humbled to be receiving the Ancient Order of Hibernians Christian Charity Award for 2020,” remarked Sister Magnani. “To be honored with the past recipients, who have done such remarkable work, is truly special, and a great honor. ... I am receiving this in the name of my community and in the name of the many people with different abilities and their families and for the Bureau for Exceptional Children and Adults, Jericho, where all are welcomed.”

The Christian Charity Award is an outgrowth of the organization’s mission to recognize those in the community who “truly seek to improve the quality of life for the people of Hampden and Hampshire counties.” The past recipients of the award are: Barbara Bernard (2014), Monsignor David Joyce (2015), the Rev. Mark Mengel (2016), Karen Blanchard (2017), Sister Margaret McCleary, SP (2018), and Sister Kathleen Keating, SSJ (2019).

Sister Magnani was born and raised in Springfield,



Sister Joan Magnani



William B. Evans

graduated from Cathedral High School in Springfield, and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1961. She is a graduate of the College of Our Lady of Elms; trained in special education religious at the Institute for Special Ministry at Loyola University in Chicago, and was an education graduate of St. Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn. She taught first grade at Our Lady of Hope School in Springfield, and Immaculate Conception in Easthampton.

Although she loved teaching, she felt called to work with people with different abilities, to promote their dignity and their value.

“Walking alongside of them came natural to me, as my youngest brother was born with challenges,” she said. “In the early ’50s, there was very little available for these special children, especially for reception of the sacraments and religious education training.”

In the late ’60s, Sister Magnani met the Rev. Robert Wagner, who was a newly ordained priest in charge of religious education in his parish. He was approached by a parent who wanted her son to make his First Communion. This began his life’s work, as

he founded Jericho, the Bureau for Exceptional Children and Adults, which came to be based on Northampton Street in Holyoke. With his support, Sister Magnani embarked on a journey to study a specialized method of teaching religious education to people with different abilities, called SPRED, which was affiliated with Loyola University in Chicago.

Jericho has been providing spiritual, educational and social support for the past 50 years. Sister Magnani feels her legacy is “one of love, full inclusion, under-

standing, treating each person with different abilities with respect, dignity, and value.”

She began volunteering at Jericho in 1967. She became director of religious in 1972, associate director in 1988, and took her current title, executive director, in 2003.

After working in Holyoke for many years, she has come to love the spirit of the Irish, the parade, and all the Irish Cultural events throughout the year.

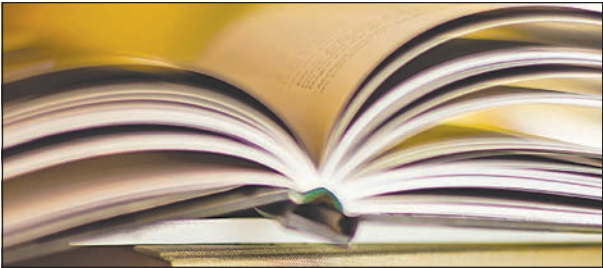
Sister Magnani’s grandmother was born and brought up in County Clare, Ireland, and immigrated to the United States as a young lady to find work and become a citizen. She married and had four children, one of whom was Sister Magnani’s mother.

“Nana would recount of her love for the old country, telling of the green fields and a more simple way of life,” Sister Magnani recalls. She has been to Ireland three times and is proud of her Irish roots.

Commissioner to speak

The master of ceremonies will be Nora McMahon. The featured speaker will be former Boston Police Commissioner William B. Evans. While serving the Boston Police Department for 38 years, Evans had major roles in such notable operations as the peaceful decampment of the 70-day occupation of Dewey Square by Occupy Boston, the capture of the Boston Marathon bombing suspect, as well as oversight of the planning and security of all major events including parades, sporting events and demonstrations. He is now the director of public safety and chief of police at Boston College.

The Annual Communion Breakfast is part of the festivities surrounding the 2020 Holyoke St. Patrick’s Day Parade. For tickets to the breakfast, contact John J. Driscoll at 413-534-0445 by March 13. Tickets are \$25 per person.



Grade 3-5 book club meets Tuesday

Children in grades 3-5 and their parents or guardians are invited to join the Bookworm Book Club, which will meet monthly at the Holyoke Public Library to hang out, talk about books, and share snacks.

The first meeting is 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25. The inaugural selection is “The Wild Robot,” by Peter

Brown. Copies may be picked up at the circulation desk in the Children’s Room in the library at 250 Chestnut St., Holyoke.

Registration is not required, and participation in the book club discussion is free. For more information, email Charlie at cpope@hol yokelibrary.org.

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needs to be written down.”

Shanahan said “The Ground We Stand On” follows the land’s history from its beginning, starting with the glaciers and dinosaurs that roamed before anything else, and following how rivers were made, how towns rose along the rivers, to the construction of the mills and industrial America. The collection also examines the relationships among humans.

Shanahan has collected a wide range of experiences and memories, himself. He has worked as a fisherman on Cape Cod, a welder on cargo ships in the Quincy Shipyard near Boston, a truck driver and warehouse worker on the Alaska pipeline, a guest teacher at Holyoke Community College and the city’s adult basic education school. He’s the founder of Stone Soup Poets, and has traveled around the U.S. and Canada with a portable typewriter to capture the “poetry of the universe.”

Stone Soup Poets is considered the longest running open poetry forum in the United States. Shanahan focuses on experiencing poetry as a vital piece of one’s imagination. He tries to teach the students in his classes this important lesson. Shanahan explained that he writes about the people and experiences from his life; some of the poems were written about one area and the reflection of that area, but written while he was away.

He lived in Alaska for a few years while working on the pipeline, and then traveled to California before moving to India for a few years.

“Some of the poems were written before I came home, while I was in Alaska or India reflecting,” Shanahan said. “A good amount of them were written here in Northampton, but the memories are from Holyoke. Just people I came across in the city, and footprints from around different routes.”

His latest travels, in India, will provide the context for his next poetry project.

“While I was in India, I was walking around one night and I found a temple with a ritual bath inside,” Shanahan said. “There was a little old couple in the bath, they had these beautiful gardenias and they were honoring each other with the gardenias and some prayers. They were just enjoying the closeness of each other and I thought, ‘What a beautiful thing for people to do in the middle of the night. To honor each other and be close with one another for a while.’”

Shanahan has studied meditation and other forms of yoga for years. Living in India added to his knowledge and to his life experience, and it is informing a new 30-poem collection he is working on, as an extension of his contemplations from India. The new collection, which he is thinking of naming “A Shawl for the Beloved,” builds on his previous group of works inspired by India, “Lotus Seed Poems.” It’ll incorporate the prayers he learned, and has become accustomed too, as well as other teachings he received in India.

“I think it’ll take a while to complete it,” Shanahan said. “It’s a 30-poem collection, I’ve been working on it for a bit, but it’s not ready. I have a few readings available where I perform with musicians. It’s an experience.”

Shanahan said he’s excited and honored to be performing at his hometown library during its 150th anniversary year.


“I was always in the library as a kid, surrounded by stacks and stack of books, or listening to the audio books of great poets,” Shanahan said. “When I was 13 years old to about 16 years old, I was constantly in the library. My dad had died and I basically lived in the library. I spent many days there, I loved following the trails of poets, looking through the Dewey Decimal System, and listening to audios upstairs.”

He wrote a long poem dedicated to the Holyoke library, in which he draws references from it to the Great Library of Alexandria in Egypt. One portion of the poem reads: “I pack the chaos of grief up the steps, of the Parthenon between giant Greek Pillars, through massive dark doors Beowulf himself might have, passed through to the great story teller’s beer hall, the world I carried fell away for a time, like that closet wall dissolving, in the Witch and the Wardrobe.”

He has created a poster of the long poem dedicated to the library, which will be presented at the March 7 event. He has created posters for a few more poems from his newest collection, and plans on bringing them to the reading at the library.

He has posters for the poems titled “A Silk Moth in Holyoke” and “Rag Man,” and plans on using these to help further the message of the poems and the collection as a whole.

Shanahan also performs live readings of his collections with local musicians. He enjoys that form of storytelling and looks forward to presenting more poetry in this way.



A Silk Moth in Holyoke

*There was a moth from Koboko, Japan
and it is said made thread with a lineage
from China---three thousand years old.*

*When its eggs hatched
stars were stitched upon their backs.*

*As caterpillars they mused and grazed
at zero speed on green fields
of mulberry leaves.*

*In such idle ways
they dreamed themselves into cocoons,
dangled in their solitudes,
pupae pulsing with the moon.*

*When they woke their work began
spinning silk for my mother,
who sewed by hand
buttonholes and linings I recall,
for a sweater she knitted for me one fall.*

*Little moth, my city was spun
from your imaginings.*

*You threaded the river
through the needles of canals
dug out with immigrant hands.*

*In your sleep you turned the mills
the cogs and wheels
spooling bobbins by the millions
to bind this world in silk and barely pay
for the shop-floor girl's bottle of milk.*

Dan Shanahan

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A poster of Daniel Shanahan’s poem “A Silk Moth in Holyoke.”
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School leaders see positive trends in dropout, grad rates

Holyoke’s public schools have seen a significant improvement in their dropout and graduation rates, according to recently published information from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The School Department highlighted the figures in a press release last week, following publicly aired criticism of Holyoke students’ academic performance in the years since state receivership began in 2015.

The district said its 2019 dropout rate has fallen to 3.6 percent, nearly half of what it was in 2015 (7.6 percent), and the graduation rate has increased to 72.2 percent, an improvement of over 10 percentage points since 2015 (62 percent).

“I am immensely proud of the efforts of countless staff, students and their families to relentlessly commit to remaining in school and crossing the stage to receive their diploma at graduation,” stated Receiver-Superintendent Stephen Zrike Jr. “Nearly a decade ago, almost 10 percent of our high school students dropped out of school and less than 50 percent of high school students graduated from high school. While the improvement is significant, we cannot be satisfied until all of our students graduate from high school truly prepared to excel in higher education or a career path of their choice.”

The graduation rates for English language learners, Latinos, and students with disabilities have particularly improved. English learners saw their graduation rates increase from 35.1 percent to 51.4 percent from 2015 to 2019; Latinos, 55.6 percent to 69.2 percent; and students with disabilities, 32.1 percent to 45.7 percent.



Samantha Perez shows off her diploma at Holyoke High School’s 2019 graduation ceremony. Submitted photo

Additionally, enrollment in advanced classes — Advanced Placement, or early college and dual enrollment offerings with Holyoke Community College, Westfield State University, and UMass-Amherst — has nearly doubled, according to School Department figures, from 186 in the 2014-15 school year to 345 in 2019-20. Students earning college credit through these programs, or scoring a 3 or higher on an AP exam, have nearly tripled, from 91 in 2014-15 to 257 in 2018-19.

Additionally, the high school also has 120 students participating in co-ops, internships, and practicums, a 10-fold increase over recent years.

As part of their turnaround efforts, Holyoke public schools have embarked on a strategic, innovative High School Redesign initiative that includes strat-

egies for improving the instruction and services offered, and providing students with the skills and tools they need to be successful now, and later in college and their careers.

“I’m extremely proud of the students we have here, all of them,” stated Student Success Coach Juan Maldonado. “We meet them where they are at. I graduated from Holyoke High and I’m originally from Holyoke, so when I look at the students, and I work with the students, it reminds me of me when I was in the seat at Holyoke High, trying to get my diploma, working so hard. I had so many people supporting me and pushing me, so I see myself in them when I am working with our students.”

Holyoke’s school administrators attribute the improved dropout and graduation rates to the hard work and dedica-

tion of students and the commitment of school and district staff who have worked to:

- Expand student options programming such as credit recovery, dual enrollment, Saturday School, Opportunity Academy, Newcomer Program
- Establish student support teams to identify students at risk of dropping out and provide them with appropriately personalized supports
- Build positive relationships with students, families, and community stakeholders
- Increase access to intervention and tutoring programs for students that have fallen behind

According to Holyoke High School student Aleq Rodriguez, “It (Opportunity Academy) got me to change my life. Without this program I’d be out on the streets, I wouldn’t be in school.”

Jack Shea, a HHS North Campus senior, shared, “I have had spectacular teachers during my time at HPS. And some of them I have to thank for where I am today. Going to Harvard has been an aspiration for the past few years, and I believe I made it because my parents taught me to strive for the best and because my friends and community at HHS have always been supportive.”

Administrators say Holyoke High School students receive an in-depth, well-rounded, MassCore-aligned education that is designed to prepare them for college, career, and community leadership. The district has expanded choices for students through innovative programs, community initiatives and university partnerships that help students develop a wide range of skills and interests and explore college and career options.

Special library cards offered for 150th

As the Holyoke Public Library celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, new patrons will receive special limited-edition library cards when they sign up for free in 2020.

A Holyoke library card is the key to resources and services at the city’s library, at 250 Chestnut St., Holyoke. In addition to borrowing books and other library materials, a library card enables each patron to access the library’s public computers, download digital media, search hundreds of electronic databases, and more.

While they last, new library cards issued this year will carry a special design celebrating the sesquicentennial

of the library’s 1870 founding. Librarians encourage all Holyoke students, as well as adults who do not already have a library card, to visit the library this year and apply for a card. Applicants should bring identification and proof of residency in Holyoke.

Schools, adult learning agencies and after-school programs are invited to bring their classes or group to the library to sign up for library cards, as are parents with their children.

The library is open 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, visit www.holyoke-library.org or call 413-420-8101.

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encourage, and I hope, the mayor and the chief at least will apply for four officers to provide additional community policing, especially the Churchill neighborhood right now is probably our number one [concern] ... which would allow our other officers to be in a position to be more enforcing and preventing, while the other ones are out there making community relations.”

The partial funding for the officers would be through a CORP grant. This federal program pays three-quarters of an officer’s salary in exchange for the municipality covering the final quarter of costs. Murphy said, according to Febo, the four officers would cost approximately \$400,000, with the grant covering \$300,000 of that and the city of Holyoke picking up the final year at \$100,000. Murphy said the grant deadline is March 15.

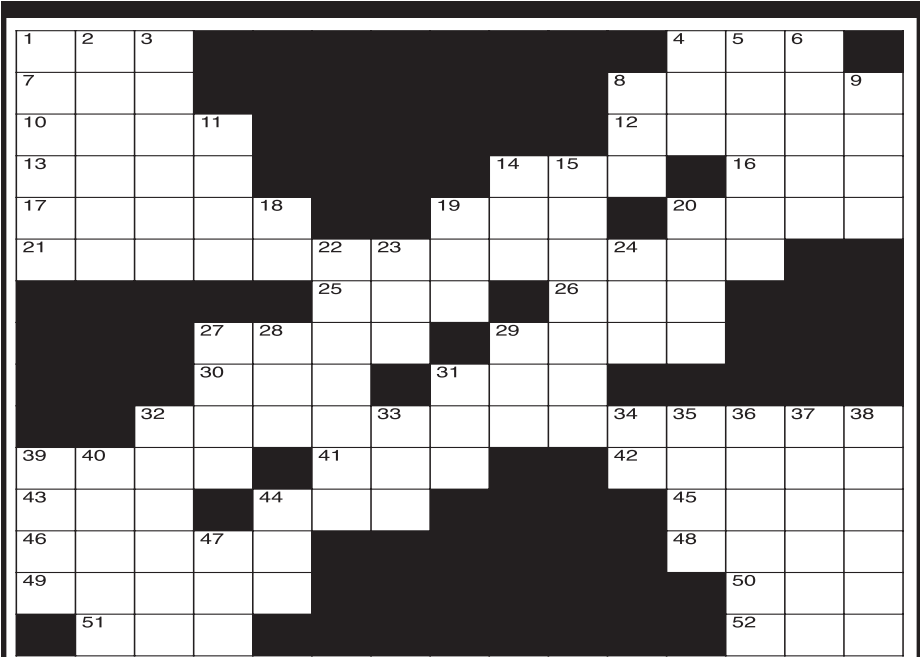
Discussion of the schools’ situation

was part of a larger discussion during a meeting of the Public Safety Committee on Feb. 6 with interested and affected parties including Febo, state Rep. Aaron Vega, Receiver-Superintendent Stephen Zrike, Morgan Elementary School Principal Steven Moguel, OneHolyoke Executive Director Michael Moriarty, and Linda Platt from the Chestnut Street Alliance.

In addition to the CORP grant, the group also discussed with Vega whether there are additional state funding opportunities, particularly for additional teenage activity opportunities. The Boys & Girls Club is trying to work with the district attorney to see if funds are available.

“We’ve got some serious safety issues,” Murphy said. “Whatever we can do, hopefully we can get it done.”

The council on Feb. 18 unanimously passed the order requesting Febo and Morse to consider applying for the CORP grant, and asking the district attorney to provide additional activities for youth, with emphasis on teen programs.



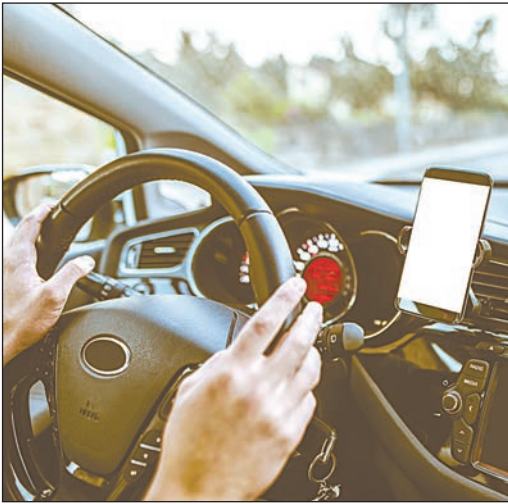
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4. A place to unwind
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8. Grasp tightly
10. Sea eagles
12. Carb dish
13. Late-night host
14. Revolutions per minute
16. Indicates odd or erroneous
17. FDR’s military chief of staff
19. Swiss river
20. Norwegian district and river
21. A form of motivation
25. Car mechanics group
26. Once a must-have home theater accessory
27. Broken branch
29. Apple and pumpkin are two
30. Skeletal muscle
31. Small Eurasian deer
32. Tight-lipped fellow
39. Comes after a cut
41. A place one lives
42. Cognizant of
43. Revolutions per monetary unit
44. Carrot’s partner
45. Famed garden
46. Chilean seaport
48. Days (Spanish)
49. Sudden anxiety
50. 100 square meters
51. A type of beer
52. French/Belgian river
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5. Used to refer to cited works
6. A state of excited movement
8. Advertising term (abbr.)
9. Nocturnal S. American rodent
11. New York art district
14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
15. Pre-release viewing
18. Northwestern Canadian territory (abbr.)
19. Consumed
20. Falts
22. Radioactive form of an element
23. Catch a wrongdoer
24. Breeze through
27. Thick piece of something
28. Yellowish-brown color
29. “The Raven” poet
31. Rural free delivery (abbr.)
32. Creating
33. Supervises flying
34. Northwestern state
35. Was obligated to repay
36. Diverging in lines from a common center
37. Bleak
38. We all have them
39. Hit with the palm of one’s hand
40. Sea that’s part of the western Pacific
44. Political action committee
47. Famed Spanish soldier El ___

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Hands-free is now the law

Beginning next week, drivers will have even more of a reason to set their cell phones aside when behind the wheel. The Massachusetts Hands-Free Driving Law will officially take effect Sunday, Feb. 23. From then on until March 31, violators who are caught using their cell phones while driving will receive a verbal warning from police. As of April 1, those found guilty of the infraction will get a ticket — starting at \$100 for the first offense. It is illegal in Massachusetts to com-



pose or read text messages, emails, social media, watch videos, or to use the camera function on cellular devices when behind the wheel of a car. For repeat offenders, the fines will pile up. A second offense adds a \$250 fine and requires attendance at a distracted driving education course. Third and subsequent offenses bear a penalty of \$500 and a surcharge on the driver's insurance policy. Gov. Charlie Baker made Massachusetts the 21st state in the nation to prohibit drivers from using cell phones in November of 2019, nearly a decade after the state banned texting while driving in 2010. According to statistics provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2017 a total of 3,166 fatal motor vehicle accidents occurred nationwide as a result of distracted driving. The 2018 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Safety Annual Report highlights drivers aged 35 or younger as a concern, largely due to cell phone and smartphone use. In the past three years, these drivers have accounted for half of all distracted drivers in a fatal crash and nearly 60 percent of all drivers in a speed-related fatal crash. The new law prohibits use of a cell phone unless it is an emergency, while

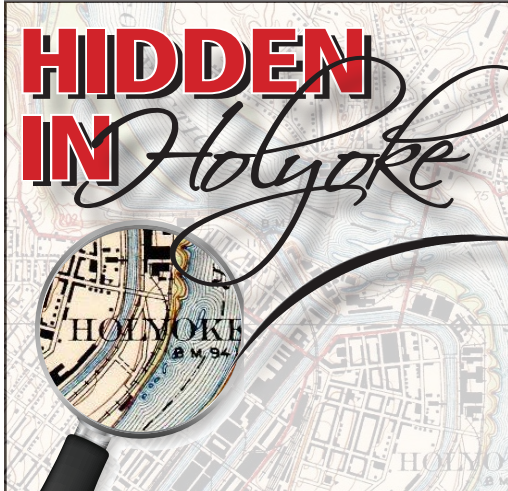
allowing calls to be made in hands-free mode. Drivers should be sure that cell ones are affixed to the dashboard, center console, or windshield of a vehicle. Only one touch or swipe is allowed, to activate GPS or to make or receive an emergency call. Manual dialing a phone number or entering a GPS location is no longer allowed while driving. Drivers should program their navigation system, and make any calls or send text messages, while stationary before beginning their commute. Text messages should let the recipients know that the sender will be driving and unable to answer any reply immediately. Many devices, including iPhones, come with a "do not disturb while driving" function. For Android phones, the downloadable app DriveMode also allows for distractions such as incoming calls to be silenced, and even will send automatic responses to let callers know the phone's owner is driving. For folks who have become used to being "connected" at all times, the new law may feel like an imposition. But it's better to miss a text than to miss a red light. The person on the other end of the line will still be there in five or 20 minutes. With eyes and full attention on the road, so will we. What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to thesun@turley.com.

Poetry Corner

Holyoke (Massachusetts)

By Thomas J. Kennedy

Tall majestic Mount Tom;
A winding beautiful River;
The Connecticut clayed dinosaur imprints,
Rolling topography
Touches a city with
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From Yankee Pedlar Charm
To laidback Log Cabin
Fabulous Inns,
A heart that must be felt.
A heart that comes
Only when addressed
As most people don't
See it—
Greatest small town sports
Volleyball and Basketball
And Baseball
Holyoke's Heart is Gold—
Even if sometimes tarnished
As it can be reshined!



Each week, *The Holyoke Sun* will feature a photo of a distinctive place, landmark, sculpture, sign or other recognizable object located somewhere in the city. Think you know what or where it is? Readers are encouraged to submit their guesses to "Hidden in Holyoke" via email to TheSun@Turley.com. In order to qualify for the weekly contest, entries must be received by Wednesday at noon for inclusion into Friday's edition. Please include your full name with your guess in an email to TheSun@turley.com. If more than one correct answer is received, the names of all those who submitted guesses will be listed. For more information, contact *The Holyoke Sun* at 413-283-8393.



Last week's "Hidden in Holyoke" was the fountain at Laurel Park, at Laurel and Willow streets. It was correctly guessed by Don Diller and Alice and Dexter Gess, Fred Wanat and Millie and Jay Whelihan.



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A Quote

OF NOTE

"I've been fortunate in life, but it's true what they say, that all roads lead back to Holyoke."

David W. Glidden

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Holyoke's annual Grand Colleen Coronation Ball



Moir McDermott is crowned as the grand colleen by 2020 Parade Marshal John Driscoll during the Coronation Ball last Saturday at the Log Cabin in Holyoke.



From Left, Hayley Dusseault, Natalie Mayko, Moira McDermott, Patricia Haradon and Emily Couture stand together as the full court with their new grand colleen.

Photos by Shelby Macri



Colleen finalist Patricia Haradon answers questions from Hayley Dunn, master of ceremonies.



Stephanie Joyce presents Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade President Marc Joyce with his official shillelagh.



Emily Couture leads the 2020 Colleen Court as they walk to the stage. Couture received the Bonnie Baker Miss Congeniality Award.



Martin Couture escorts his daughter Emily Couture to the stage..



Duncan Mackiewicz escorts his granddaughter Natalie Mayko to the stage.



Mark Haradon escorts his daughter Patricia Haradon to the stage.



Mark Dusseault escorts his sister Hayley Dusseault to the stage.

Who's your inspiration?

At the Grand Colleen Coronation Ball on Saturday, each of the finalists was judged on her response to the question "Who inspires you in your everyday life?" Here are excerpts from what they had to say.

Moira McDermott: "I know this sounds very trite and overdone, but it's definitely my mom who inspires me the most. She's one of the most hard-working people I've ever met, and she's someone who really knows what she's passionate about and isn't afraid to really embrace that. ... She graduated with a master's in nine months, while she was pregnant with my brother, which is very impressive, ... and she's been teaching ever since. Watching her do something that she's so passionate about and loves so much has really been an inspiration to me. Seeing someone who spends every day thinking about how she could better her students and help them better themselves is really amaz-

ing to watch."

Emily Couture: "... My mother is always there for me, every single moment of every single day. I was actually sick all this past week, but she was there every moment I needed her. She avoided going to the mall to get herself on outfit for tonight — which she was so excited about — to be there for me when I need her and make sure I had everything for tonight and that I was OK. ... I have a twin brother and it can't be easy to care for both of us at the same time. Through every twist and bend she's been there, and I think that's one of the most inspiring things that I know. ..."

Haley Dusseault: "The person who inspires my every day is my mom. She's there from the minute I wake up to the moment I go to bed, and I've never truly felt as comfortable as I do with anyone

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Todd McDermott escorts his daughter Moira McDermott, the 2020 grand colleen, to the stage.



Nicholas Dulude escorts his sister Lauren Dulude, the 2019 grand colleen, to the coronation ceremony for her successor.

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but my mother. ... Being a part of this has honestly been a dream of mine forever. We used to talk about it together when I got ready for bed and being up here is a dream come true. I never thought I'd be a part of something so special, so being able to share this with her tonight and having her in the audience with me, I feel like we're living our dream."

Patricia Haradon: "If I were to say one person, I would get in trouble with a lot of people in this room, but I would have to say my dad. He epitomizes service and encourages me to go and help everyone throughout my community, and he is the

most amazing person. He would come up and make a thousand jokes in front of you all, and through his strength and through his strong Irish passion I've been able to walk in front of all of you people and walk in a pageant. I've been able to express myself in the best of ways and his pride in me is what really keeps me strong."

Natalie Mayko: "I would definitely have to say my mom inspires me. She's always been such a positive, strong, independent woman, and I definitely want to be just like her. She showed me the importance of being involved and volunteering, and how important your family is in supporting you. I'd definitely say that, every day, she inspires me just with her strength."

Court sessions

Grand Colleen Moira McDermott and her court will participate in several "Irish season" events leading up to the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 22. Upcoming appearances will include:

Saturday, Feb. 22: Princess and Pirate Party at the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 7: Dobbin Tartan Party at the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round, 2-5 p.m.

Sunday, March 8: Colleen Gathering with court members from other cities at the Springfield Elks, 2-5 p.m.

Friday, March 13: Marshal Mania concert at The Wherehouse?, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 21: St. Patrick's Road Race in Holyoke, starting at 10 a.m.

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"Tomorrow I'm going to sleep, first and foremost, and then I'm going to celebrate with my family, they're all very happy for me," McDermott said at the coronation. "Honestly, it's such a surreal experience to be here right now, and I feel very lucky and grateful and happy to have spent time with these girls."

Serving in McDermott's court will be Emily Couture, 18, and Haley Dusseault, 17, both of South Hadley, and Patricia Haradon, 18, and Natalie Mayko, 22, both of Holyoke. Couture, Dusseault and McDermott are seniors at South Hadley High School; Haradon is a senior at Holyoke High School, and Mayko a graduate of Holyoke High and Westfield State University, now pursuing a master's degree at Springfield College.

Every year, the organizers of the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade invite unmarried girls of Irish descent from Holyoke and South Hadley to compete for a spot in the colleen's court.

The five finalists were chosen from 15 contestants at a pageant in January. At the Coronation Ball, the finalists wore identical green gowns, and each of them was asked to deliver a speech about someone who inspires them. The judges then deliberated for half an hour before returning to name McDermott as the grand colleen, based on her answer and her demonstrated intelligence, personality and poise.

At the pageant in January, one of the court members, Couture, was chosen to receive the Bonnie Baker Miss Congeniality Award.

"We found out there was a three-way tie, and so I really thought that I wasn't going to get it. That was a really pleasant surprise," said Couture. "I'm really excited; one of the things I really work hard for is to always try and be positive and I really try and always be kind. So having a title that recognizes that is something that I'm really proud of."

She wasn't the only one excited by the award. McDermott has known Couture since childhood and was pleased to see her friend share in the honors.

"That was well voted for her, she really deserved it. She's really one of the kindest people I've ever met," McDermott said. "I've known her since I was 3 years old, so being able to experience this with her and watching her do this has been really great."

All five of the court members will become friends and grow closer as the parade draws near, said Lauren Dulude, the 2019 grand colleen.


Dulude said she's been able to meet many interesting people and has had a blast learning from her court and having them with her throughout the year. In her last official speech as grand colleen, she shared some advice for her successor: "Lead by example, make sure that you're making choices because they're the choices you want to make, and not because other people want you to. Follow your own lead and move forward with your heart and your own truth."

Dulude said it was interesting to be able to follow the colleen competition as a member of the audience. She wasn't the only former colleen with a leading role in the event. The three judges were all veterans of colleen pageants in nearby cities: Kaitlyn Carter of Westfield, a member of the 2008 Agawam colleen's court and former member of the Agawam St. Patrick Committee; Caitlin deOgbum of Montgomery, the Westfield colleen in 2008; and Stefania Raschilla of East Longmeadow, the Westfield colleen in 2006.

While recent decades have seen other cities select colleens to participate in the annual parade, only Holyoke and South Hadley share the 66-year tradition of naming the grand colleen. McDermott said it's part of the Irish experience for her family.

"It's been a whirlwind being on the court, it's been an exciting experience to meet so many new people and be able to interact with people I've never met before and be involved in such an experience as exciting as this one" McDermott said. "It's been a big connection in my family, my grandfather is Irish and he was the biggest influence. He passed a few years ago, so being able to do this is great because one of his dreams for me was to be the colleen. Being able to fulfill both of our dreams has been really exciting."

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Knights preparing for tournament

The Holyoke High School boys basketball team is going to the tournament after some uncertainty early in the season with a number of losses out of the gate. Holyoke has fought to an 11-8 record, winning their last three games to get over the 10-win mark and qualify for the tournament. Last week, Holyoke defeated Agawam and Amherst, then defeated Pope Francis 85-50 to get to 11 wins. Holyoke concluded its season earlier this week against Northampton. The Knights will see a number of challenging teams in the Western Massachusetts Division 1 tournament this year, including Chicopee, Putnam, and Central, which beat Holyoke 98-45 in their last meeting of the season.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Clockwise from top right, William Cruz eyes the basket as he tries to shoot around an Agawam guard. Pat Gubala rushes down the court after making a rebound. Brian Cristobal positions his teammates as he starts a play. Jael Cabrera makes an off-balance shot to avoid getting blocked.

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Western Mass. tournament important to area athletic directors, coaches

Editor's note: This is the final article of a four-part series to break down the statewide tournament proposal, what it is, its effect on the Western Mass. region, the challenges, and how your athletic directors and coaches feel about it.

By Tim Peterson
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One representative from each of the 380 MIAA member high schools will be voting on the new statewide tournament proposal on Feb. 28 at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School located in Marlborough.

Several Western Mass. athletic directors and coaches have expressed their concerns about the new plan. At the top

of the list is how the new statewide tournament will impact the future of the Western Mass. tournaments

"I think the Tournament Management Committee has done a tremendous job of putting together this proposal and they've done their research," said Ludlow Athletic Director Tim Brillo. "The biggest concern in this area is making sure that we can maintain the Western Mass. Championships. I'm hoping we'll still be able to do that."

If the new tournament plan does pass on the Feb. 28, a Western Mass. tournament could still possibly be held during the final week of the regular season in each team sport.

"It might be like how the

NCAA does it now in basketball," added Brillo, who's currently a member of the MIAA Board of Directors. "They hold a conference tournament prior to the start of the NCAA tournament. I'm really hoping that we can do the same type of thing with all of our sports. Changes are always scary and difficult."

At its January meeting, the Board of Directors voted 14-3 in favor of the statewide tournament proposal.

Brillo isn't really sure what the outcome of the vote will be on Feb. 28.

If the new statewide plan is approved, it will go into effect at the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

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Tigers head for playoffs following split with HHS

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It might've taken an extra week to achieve, but the South Hadley Tigers will be one of the high school hockey teams from Western Massachusetts competing in this year's Division 3A tournament, which begins next week.

The Tigers clinched a postseason berth for the second year in a row by dispatching Fay Division rival Chicopee Comp, 5-1, at Fitzpatrick Arena in Holyoke, last Saturday afternoon.

Holyoke, ironically, was not part of the equation this year after South Hadley made the decision to end the co-op

with Holyoke High School that lasted for many years.

"It did take us an extra week to qualify for the post-season tournament, which I'm not very happy about," said South Hadley head coach Larry Camus. "The pressure is off of us now and we need to continue playing well in our final two regular season games."

The Tigers, who lost to Easthampton in a quarterfinal game a year ago, only held a 2-1 lead against Comp until the final three minutes of the fourth period. That's when they pulled away by scoring three goals.

The victory improved

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Thunderbirds sweep Checkers in weekend series

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Springfield Thunderbirds (28-23-2-0) again erased an early deficit en route to a 4-3 win over the Charlotte Checkers (29-18-4-0) on Sunday afternoon inside the Bojangles’ Coliseum. It was the first weekend sweep for the T-Birds in Charlotte in their history.

For a second straight game, the Checkers power play would draw first blood. This time around, the T-Birds went down two men on back-to-back penalties just 12 seconds apart, and with just seconds remaining on the disadvantage, Gustav Forsling blasted a one-timer from the right point that squeaked between the legs of Ryan Bednard to give Charlotte a 1-0 lead at 12:48 of the opening frame.

Bednard was otherwise perfect in

an opening period onslaught of 15 shots from the Checkers, including five from Forsling alone. Anton Forsberg was not as busy in the Checkers’ goal crease, as he turned away eight shots in the opening period and went almost eight minutes without seeing a shot at the onset of the game.

The Springfield power play, rejuvenated by Rodrigo Abols’ overtime tally the night before, struck on its first chance at 6:35 of the second with former Checker Aleksi Saarela rifling a one-time, cross-box pass from Henrik Borgstrom over the glove of Forsberg to tie the score, 1-1.

Charlotte would vault back to the lead at 11:51 when Dave Gust picked up a puck in the left circle off a shot block and snapping it over the shoulder

of Bednard to give the Checkers their second lead, 2-1.

This lead, however, would last but 46 seconds. Borgstrom created an amazing play by throwing a between-the-legs pass through a defender to a cutting Ethan Prow, who backhanded a rising shot into the cage to tie it up again, 2-2, at 12:37.

The 2-2 tie carried into the early stages of the third as Forsberg and Bednard continued to trade strong net-minder plays and saves. After Springfield had eight of the first nine shots in the third without a result, the top line finally broke through at 12:42. After Roland McKeown had a puck hop past him at the left point, Saarela and Dryden Hunt set sail for the offensive zone in a 2-on-0. Saarela held onto the puck as long as

possible before slipping a pass back to Hunt, who slammed it through the legs of Forsberg to make it 3-2 with 7:18 to play. It was Hunt’s second goal and third point in two games on the weekend.

Those two would not be finished, though, as Saarela hit Hunt for an empty-net walk-in with 1:20 to play, which would turn out to be the game-winner after Steven Lorentz got Charlotte back to a 4-3 deficit with just 30 seconds remaining.

Bednard improved to 4-1 in his five AHL decisions as a netminder, stopping 33 of 36 for the victory, while Forsberg had 27 saves in defeat.

Springfield continues its push toward the Calder Cup playoffs as they return home for the

MIAA Bracketology returning soon

March Madness is coming, and for the second straight year, Turley Sports will bring you “MIAA bracketology.”

In two weeks, in our February 27 and 28 issues of all Turley Publications papers, the sports department will be presenting its picks for the MIAA Western Massachusetts Tournaments. There will be four brackets for boys basketball, and four brackets for girls basketball.

The brackets will detail our picks to make it all the way to our own sectional championships, held right at the famed Curry Hicks Cage on the campus of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Will we be right, or will we be wrong? Who knows. But we sincerely hope our readers enjoy following the progress of the Western Mass. tournament, that is one of the most popular tournaments that takes place in the year. Whether it is Division 1 or Division 4, the basketball tournaments are some of

most exciting action of the year.

The brackets we will be presenting in two weeks will reflect simple guesses on the part of Turley Sports with short commentary below each bracket to explain our brackets. We encourage you to compare our brackets to your own. We hope you enjoy watching the tournament unfold from Feb. 24 when the first round is scheduled to begin, all the way to Curry Hicks Cage on March 7 and 8.

The tournament brackets are scheduled to be released on Saturday, Feb. 22. The Turley Sports bracketology will be prepared the following day prior to the start of the tournament, and then will available online through our turley.com website and will be published in the papers available Thursday, Feb. 27 and Friday, Feb. 28. Happy tournament to all.



HCC Cougars keep on winning

Men’s basketball travelled on Saturday afternoon, earning an 84-72 win over regional opponent Massasoit CC. The Cougars carried a comfortable seven-point lead into halftime, cruising to their tenth victory of the season. With one more win, men’s hoop matches a season total they’ve reached just once in the past decade.

Kawane Jackson (Springfield, MA / Sabis HS) and Moashaun Alvarado (Springfield, MA / Sci-Tech HS) led the

offensive brigade for Holyoke, combining for 50 points. Jackson played his best game of the season, shooting five for six on three-pointers while scoring a season-high 23 points. Alvarado registered a double-double for the seventh straight game, tallying 27 points and 12 rebounds.

The Cougars are 10-8 in New England and 10-11 overall. They have two remaining regular season contests, both regional away games, before the start of the post season.

State tournament information meeting

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Tournament Management Committee (TMC) has scheduled the regional meetings. These meetings will include an overview presentation of the Statewide Tournament Proposal provided by members of the MIAA TMC, followed by a question-and-answer session.

These informational meetings are

a great opportunity to enhance understanding of the Statewide Tournament Proposal and provide feedback to the TMC. The meetings are open to Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, Coaches, Officials and Media.

The Western Massachusetts meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 24 at Chicopee Comprehensive High School at 6 p.m.

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Currently the winner of each Division of the Western Mass. tournaments faces the winning team of the Central Mass. tournament in the state semifinals. The winner of that contest plays the Eastern Mass. champion in the state finals.

“There are some inequities on how a team currently gets into the tournament,” Brillo said. “There is a seeding inequity and there is a difference in number of games played, especially in Eastern Mass., to get to the state finals.”

Under the new statewide plan, the top 32 teams in each Division will be ranked by Maxpreps and they’ll automatically qualify for the postseason tournament. All of the other teams that finish with a .500 or better record will also qualify for the tournament. The teams will be put in four brackets similar to the NCAA basketball tournament.

The finals of the Western Mass. girls and boys basketball tournaments are currently held at the historic Curry Hicks Cage located on the UMass-Amherst campus. It’s the one place all of the varsity basketball players from Western Mass. dreams about playing a game at

that special venue.

“All of our basketball teams have really enjoyed the experience of playing at the Cage in the past,” said Ware boys varsity basketball coach Gene Rich. “It would be nice if we’re able to keep the Western Mass. tournament. You could play one of your rivals in the tournament. I would hate to break up something that works.”

Rich is also the Principal at Ware High School.

All of the Western Mass. tournaments are run by the PVIAC.

Lou Conte is the PVIAC Executive Secretary and Jeff Boudway is the PVIAC Administrative Assistant.

“The PVIAC has done a great job and it has been commended many times by the MIAA for the way it conducts business in this part of the state,” Rich said. “They do the tournament seedings and make the tournament schedules for each sport.”

The Central Mass. basketball tournament is normally held at the Harrington Auditorium located on the W.P.I. campus in Worcester. A longtime Central Mass. girls varsity basketball coach always says that playing a tournament game at W.P.I. is like going to

Disney World for his players.

The Clark Tournament, which is held during the February school vacation week, is another popular basketball tournament in Central Massachusetts.

All of the high schools will have to insert their win and loss records to Maxpreps in order for the new system to be successful.

The first and second finishers in almost every league also currently qualify for the postseason tournament, but that will no longer take place under the new plan.

Minnechaug Regional High School Athletic Director Michael Roy said he would like to see more clarity on the way Maxpreps will choose rankings.

“They have not really clarified the format Maxpreps will use to judge the games,” said Roy. “That makes it hard to judge this tournament proposal.

The South Hadley girls basketball team will finish the regular season with a below .500 overall record, but they still clinched a berth in the Western Mass. Division 3 tournament by finishing in second place in the Suburban League.

While Brillo is the Athletic Director of a large high school that currently competes at the Division 1 and 2 levels,

Rich coach’s basketball at a smaller high school that competes at the Division 4 level in most sports.

“It might be a struggle for a smaller high schools like us,” said Rich. “Financially, it could put a little bit of a burden on our athletic budget if we’re forced to travel to Eastern Mass. to play a tournament game. It’s the same problem for every small high school in the state and we’ll just have to think outside the box.”

Agawam High School Athletic Director David Stratton and South Hadley High School Athletic Director Eric Castonguay have both said they are opposed to the proposal. Castonguay believes the proposal only benefits the eastern part of the state. Stratton says the Western Mass. tournament is important to the region.

“Even though the sectional tournament would change the path to a state final to be more equitable,” said Stratton. “I feel the sectional playoff process works.

No matter the outcome of the vote on Feb. 28, the landscape of high school sports in Western Massachusetts will probably be changing during the next couple of years.

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Nominations sought for service award

The Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts is seeking nominations from throughout Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire counties for the Pynchon Award, which recognizes citizens of this region who have rendered distinguished service to the community.

Nominations are due March 15. Nominators should submit a one-page letter explaining why their nominee should be considered, including biographical information, outstanding accomplishments, examples of service to the community, organizations he or she is or has been active in, and the names, phone numbers and email addresses of at least three people who can further attest to the nominee's eligibility for induction into the Order of William Pynchon.

All nominees will be considered and researched by the Pynchon Trustees, composed of the current and five past presidents of the Advertising Club, which established the award in 1915. Nominations may be sent to William Pynchon Trustees, Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts, P.O. Box 1022, W. Springfield, MA 01090-1022, or info@adclubwm.org.

Pynchon awardees are chosen by unanimous decision of the Pynchon Trustees. This year's recipients will be announced in June, with an awards ceremony scheduled for Oct. 8 at The Log Cabin in Holyoke. Awardees receive a bronze medal bearing the name and likeness of William Pynchon, founder of Springfield, and the inscription "They honor us whom we honor."

Info session planned for tour of Ireland

WEST SPRINGFIELD — An informational session about an 11-day fall tour to Ireland will be held at noon Saturday, March 7, at the Irish Cultural Center, 429 Morgan Road, West Springfield.

Participants will experience coastal scenery, charming towns, castles, museums a distillery and more, with stays at top-rated hotels in Kinsale, Dingle and Ennis. The trip includes direct flights between Boston and Shannon, transportation between the airport and West Springfield, eight dinners, and breakfast every day.

The total cost of the trip is \$2,950 per person, double occupancy, or \$3,375 per single. A \$1,300 per person deposit is required to reserve space on the tour. Space is limited and will be filled on a first-come basis. For more information, an itinerary and a reservation application, visit IrishCenterWNE.org.

Campus Notes are compiled from school press releases and parent submissions. To share news of a Holyoke student's achievements, ask the school's press office to send an email to thesun@turley.com.

AIC: Several Holyoke residents were named to the fall 2019 dean's list at American International College in Springfield: Ross Adorno, Ruth Arzuaga Rodriguez, Jacoby Authier, Alyssa Bellefeuille, Jocelyn Deome, Alicia Gonzalez, Meghan Greaney, Katelynn Leclerc, Calisha Lopez, John Neves, Nathan Rivas, Margarita Velazco and Iris Villodas.

Alabama: Olivia Rose Cavanaugh was named to the fall 2019 dean's list at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Emmanuel: Lauren D'Addario and Daniel Nicoll were named to the fall 2019 dean's list at Emmanuel College in Boston.

Fitchburg State: Zoe A. Brazeau, Draine Colon Rivera, Ryan T. Costello, Amanda Diaz and Taryn F. O'Sullivan were named to the fall 2019 dean's list at Fitchburg State University in Fitchburg, Mass.

Goodwin: Elissa Carney was named to the summer 2019 president's list, with a perfect 4.0 GPA, at Goodwin College in East Hartford, Conn.

Hartford: Ian Beauregard, Tyler Beauregard and Emily Leblanc were named to the fall 2019 dean's list at the University of Hartford in West Hartford, Conn.

HCC: Several Holyoke residents were named to the fall 2019 dean's list at Holyoke Community College: Jeffery Boakye Agyemang, Shaymaa Al-Farji, Annmarie Rose Arduino, Katelyn Bacon, Leonie Barkakati, Devin Paul Beauregard, Kyle Berthiaume, Brent Bonfiglio, Charlotte Grace Brunette, Jovanni Javier Camacho, Jessica Cavanaugh, Grace Adrien Chartier,

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South Hadley's overall season record to 10-7-1 and they had a 5-4 league record.

The Tigers, who had lost their previous two matches, were slated to wrap-up league play against Chicopee on President's Day. They then closed out the regular season by playing a non-league match versus Southwick on Wednesday night.

The Colts (6-11-2, 1-7-1) won't be playing a postseason tournament game for the second consecutive year. They played very well during the first 42 minutes against the Tigers.

"We were able to hang in there against a very good South Hadley squad until the final three minutes," said Comp first-year head coach Brett DiClementi. "My guys played very hard and we were hoping to win another game today. We're a young team and we've come a long way since the start of the year. The future does look very bright for us."

Comp's seniors are: Colby Spear,

Johnny Lewis, Josh King, and Tanner Fournier. The foursome took photos with their family members and the coaching staff in a ceremony held prior to the opening faceoff.

"Our four seniors are great kids and they're outstanding team leaders," DiClementi added. "They've worked very hard in every game this season and we're going to really miss them a lot next year."

The only South Hadley senior is Mike Mazza.

Chicopee Comp, along with Chicopee High School and Belchertown, are the only three Division 3A hockey teams in Massachusetts that do not co-op with another high school.

Comp did manage to keep the match scoreless for the first eight minutes of the opening period.

The Tigers, who co-op with Granby High School, broke the ice at the 8:17 mark when a shot attempt by junior Thenis Tsilibocos sailed into the net past freshman goalie Zack Canavan (15

Mr., Ms. Hibernian highlight Irish Night

Holyoke residents Matthew O'Connor and Kelly M. O'Connor will be honored this Saturday as 2020's Mr. and Ms. Hibernian.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians James A. Curran Division 1 and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 2 of Hampden and Hampshire Counties announced the awards last month. The awards, the highest honors given by the two Irish cultural organizations, go to members of the AOH and LAOH who best live by the Hibernian motto: "Friendship, Unity, and True Christian Charity."

The awards will be given at Irish Night in Holyoke on Feb. 22. Tickets for this event are sold out. The award winners will march in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade on Sunday, March 22.

Mr. Hibernian, Matt O'Connor, is a bagpiper with the Springfield Kiltie Band and former South Hadley firefighter-EMT. He works as a public works equipment operator for the town of South Hadley and lives in Holyoke with his wife Meghan and three children, Riley, Piper and Finn.

Ms. Hibernian, Kelly M. O'Connor, a member of the LAOH for almost four years, is the director of religious education for Blessed Sacrament Parish in Holyoke and St. Patrick's Church in South Hadley, co-director of Catholics in Action Ministry Group and director of Summer Bible School. She lives in Holyoke with son J.B. and daughter Erin.



Ms. Hibernian 2020 Kelly O'Connor, and Mr. Hibernian Matt O'Connor, will be guests of honor at Irish Night in Holyoke this weekend. Submitted photo by Peter Hogan

The AOH was chartered in Holyoke in 1880 and the LAOH was chartered in Holyoke in 1897. The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America is a national organization founded in New York and Pennsylvania in 1836, and has divisions in 42 of the United States.

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Robert Clark, Karina Amirriss Clemente, Carlos Gabriel Concepcion, Sharon Wynn Copes, Chamile Antonia Cruz, Yamaira Dejesus, Jaskirt Kaur Dhaliwal, Bailey Marie Digris, Shannon Eileen Dion, Jonathan David Engle, Thomas James Fournier Jr., Chante A. Garcia-Salgado, Stephen Joseph Yapp Gibbons, Kiara Enid Gonzalez, Shanice Grandison, Boram Ha, Dawn Haarmann, Xavier Botelho Haas, Keiry Carolyn Heath, Latasha Hinton, Lindsay Hoey, Brooklyn Rose Ingellis, Felisha Naima Jimenez, Michael Francis Kane II, Charity Kehl, Kevin Kelly, Joseph A. Kochapski, Alexandra Yurievna Kuznetsova, Kayla La Fortune, Hannah Lee Labreche, Kaylia Alesha L'Heureux, Yesenia Lorenzo, Michael Robert Lukasiewicz, Kelly Lynch, Calvin J. Martindale, Sabrina Patrice McCloud, Kara Bridget McGuinness, Jaysha Marie Mejia, Moises Arbaje Montesino, Lianna Lorraine Moore, Leymary Morales,

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James Madison: Taeghan Cavanaugh enrolled last fall as a biology major at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

Lasell: Hailey Butler was named to the fall 2019 dean's list at Lasell University in Newton, Mass.

Sports

Tsilibocos was credited with the assist.

South Hadley junior goalie Anthony Cigal (19 saves) shutout bid came to an end with 1:18 left in the second period following a backhanded goal by sophomore Danny Stefanik.

Both King and Farrell were awarded the assists.

"Anthony did bail us out many times in today's game," Camus said. "He only allowed one goal, but made a total of 19 saves."

The Colts had several chances to score the tying goal during the first nine minutes of the third period.

With 2:54 remaining in regulation, junior Matt Brunelle scored an unassisted goal for the Tigers.

A goal by sophomore Joe Meon, which was assisted by Mazza, 35 seconds later gave South Hadley a comfortable 4-1 lead.

Tucker closed out the scoring in the game with his second goal with 1:35 left in the match. It was assisted by sophomore Joe Cigal.

saves), who made his first varsity start. Zack's older brother, Victor, who's a sophomore, is normally the Colts goalie, but he was on a class trip to Spain.

"This wasn't the first time that Zack played in a varsity hockey game, but it was his first start as a goalie," DiClementi said. "Victor is normally our starting goalie, but he's away on a class trip. I thought Zack played a great game today and I'm very proud of him."

The goal by Tsilibocos, which was assisted by junior Ryan Tucker and freshman Nate Loughman, was the only one scored by either team during the first period.

The Colts did have two power-play opportunities during the first five minutes of the second period. They had two shots on goal by sophomore Nick Farrell and another one by sophomore Dylan Seymour, but the score remained 1-0.

The duo of Tsilibocos and Tucker hooked up for South Hadley's second goal, which came at the 6:15 mark. This time, Tucker scored the goal and



ONGOING

WINTER MARKET from the Holyoke Farmers Market will be held every other Sunday on the first floor at the Holyoke Mall near Macy’s, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Remaining market dates are Feb. 23 and March 8. The market offers a variety of fruits, vegetables, dairy products and crafts from local farms and vendors. HIP and EBT are accepted.

MR. PICKLE AND FRIENDS STORY HOUR at 10 a.m. every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Holyoke Public Library, 250 Chestnut St., Holyoke. “Mr. Pickle” (Holyoke resident Danielle Pikul) and other drag performers read books and lead dress-up, singing, dancing and other family-friendly fun. Free. For information or to register, call 413-420-8105.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, a 12-step, non-profit organization, meets Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 605 South St., Holyoke. Enter the door off the driveway. More info: 413-783-4198 or www.oawmass.org.

POKEMON FAN CLUB meets at the Holyoke Public Library, 250 Chestnut St., every Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Teen Room. The club plays Pokemon cards, games and Pokemon Go, as well as other card games like Yu-Gi-Oh and Magic: The Gathering; tournaments for prizes, trading, drawing Pokemon art, and snacks. More info and registration: 413-420-8101.

RSVP SEEKS VOLUNTEERS for nonprofit organizations in Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden counties. Adults 55 and older who want to share skills and experience in their spare time can contact RSVP for a great volunteer position, some travel and insurance benefits, and personal matching. Contact Patricia Sicard at psicard@hcg-ma.org or 413-387-4558, ext. 1.

Friday, Feb. 21

BATTLE OF THE BARS at the Knights of Columbus, 250 Westfield Road, Holyoke, 6-9 p.m. Bartenders from local bars will compete to earn the most tips and drink sales. Proceeds benefit the St. Patrick’s Committee of Holyoke. Ben Lavelle will provide musical entertainment.

Holyoke Arrests

Monday, Feb. 10

Zebulan Peterson, 29, homeless, was arrested at 6:34 a.m. on Lincoln Street and charged with shoplifting.

Anthony Garcia, 29, of 429 Appleton St., Apt. 3, Holyoke, was arrested at 3:54 p.m. at the Holyoke Mall on a warrant, and also charged with shoplifting over \$250.

Katelyn Lajoie, 32, of 8 Hartford St., South Hadley, was arrested at 5:03 p.m. on Sargeant Street and charged with possession of a class A drug and possession of a class B drug.

Angel M. Rivera, 29, of 584 Chicopee St., Apt. 2R, Chicopee, was arrested at 5:30 p.m. on Appleton Street and charged with possession of a class A drug, possession of a class A drug with intent to distribute, possession of a class D drug with intent to distribute, possession of a firearm in a felony, possession of a firearm without a license, possession of ammunition without a license, possession or carrying of a loaded firearm, failing to use care at an intersection, failing to signal a turn or stop, and a vehicle equipment violation.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Raymond Ryu Cortes, 26, of no known address, was arrested at 2:12 a.m. on Maple Street on a warrant.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

George Lopez-Fernandez, 29, of 509 Chicopee St., Chicopee, was arrested at 2:16 a.m. on Lyman Street and charged with assault and battery, assault and battery on a disabled person or person over 60, breaking and entering at nighttime for a felony, and malicious destruction of property under \$1,200.

Juan Gomez-Morales, 51, of 149 Essex St., Apt. 4R, Holyoke, was arrested at 12:07 p.m. on Elm Street

The Pulse is a community calendar for Holyoke and neighboring communities. Free listings are available for non-commercial, non-political entertainment or educational events that are free to attend, or fundraisers that benefit a non-profit organization. Only events in Holyoke or one of its immediate bordering towns, or events that benefit an organization based in Holyoke, will be listed. Submitted items should be brief, with only time, date, location, activity explanation, and contact information, and may be edited for length and style. Items may be sent to thesun@turley.com, fax to 413-283-7107 or mail to The Holyoke Sun, c/o Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069. The deadline for calendar listings is noon Monday for that Friday’s newspaper.

Saturday, Feb. 22

WINTERFEST in downtown West Springfield, 9 a.m. to noon. Activities at various locations along Elm and Park streets include clown performances, temporary tattoos, library crafts and a musical performance by Alexis Anamisis. All events are free.

DOG SHOW in the Holyoke High School gymnasium, 300 Beech St., Holyoke, 1-3 p.m. Free to attend; dogs may enter up to two categories of competition at \$5 per entry. Vendor fair includes pet products, raffles and more. Registration and more info: Parks and Recreation, 413-322-5620.

Sunday, Feb. 23

MARDI GRAS LUNCHEON hosted by the Saint Theresa’s HOST Team in the church hall at 9 E. Parkview Drive, South Hadley, noon to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each and seating is limited. Ample parking and handicapped accessible. More info: 413-532-228.

GUIDED TREK through the trails of Ledges Golf Club, 18 Mulligan Drive, South Hadley, 12:45 p.m. The South Hadley Bike-Walk Committee will lead this 1-hour moderate hike as the winter season affords an opportunity for safe, non-vehicular passive recreation at the closed club. If deep snow is present, participants are welcome to wear snowshoes and use optional, but recommended walking poles. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and safe footwear, and bring water.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

BLACK HISTORY OPEN MIC NIGHT in Room 18 of the Ely Campus Center at Westfield State University, 577 Western Ave., Westfield, 8 p.m. All are welcome to perform works representing black artists, poets, musicians, etc., as part of Black His/Herstory Month at WSU.

Thursday, Feb. 27

JAMES BALDWIN FILM in Room 18 of the Ely Campus Center at Westfield State University, 577 Western Ave., Westfield, 4 p.m. “I Am Not Your Negro” will be screened, with a guided discussion with English professor Carol Bailey, as part of Black His/Herstory Month at WSU.

Friday, Feb. 15

ST. PATRICK’S LENTEN LUNCHESES begin at the St. Patrick’s Church Social Center, 30 Main St., South Hadley. Lunches will be held each Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., from Feb. 28 to April 3. For a menu or to place a take-out order, call 413-427-4823. Proceeds benefit local nonprofit organizations.

ALL SAINTS LENTEN LUNCHESES begin at All Saints Church, 7 Woodbridge St., South Hadley. Homemade soups, sandwiches, lobster rolls and desserts will be served every Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., during Lent (ending April 3). Proceeds benefit local nonprofit organizations.

Saturday, Feb. 29

DREAMS AND DEFIANCE concert at Wistariahurst, 238 Cabot St., Holyoke, 7-9 p.m. Songwriters and musician-activist-educators Pamela Means and Diana Alvarez will perform. Tickets are \$15, available at Wistariahurst.org or at the door.

Saturday, March 7

POLAR PLUNGE at Hampton Ponds State Park, 1048 North Road, Westfield, noon. Participants are asked to raise at least \$100, with all proceeds to benefit Special Olympics. More info: specialolympicsma.donordrive.com/event/westfieldplunge.

BIG BROADCAST in the Chapin Auditorium at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, 2-7:30 p.m. This is the 15th annual performance of the Jazz Ensembles at Mount Holyoke. Snow date is March 8. General admission tickets are \$25 for premium front and center seating, \$20 for regular seating, \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door for seniors, and \$10 for students. For online tickets, visit www.fineartscenter.com.

HOLYOKE ST. PATRICK’S PARADE TARTAN PARTY at the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round, 221 Appleton St., Holyoke, 2:30-5 p.m. Children will enjoy unlimited rides on the merry-go-round, face painting, snacks, crafts and a digital photo booth. Adults can purchase beer or wine and shop for Holyoke parade tartan merchandise. Admission is \$5 per person, or \$10 for a family.

The Holyoke Police Department recorded the following arrests from Feb. 10 to 16. No arrests in the public log have been omitted. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

and charged with assault and battery.

Mike Barnett, 55, of 355 Columbus Ave., Stratford, Conn., was arrested at 1:44 p.m. on Northampton Street on two warrants.

Luis Alfonso Baez, 35, of 590 Front St., 1st Floor, Chicopee, was arrested at 3:51 p.m. on Elm Street and charged with trespassing.

Amarelis Nail Cruz-Salcedo, 20, of 23 Sanders St., Chicopee, was arrested at 6:58 p.m. at police headquarters on two warrants.

Coralis Rosario-Hernandez, 23, of 542 S. Bridge St., Apt. 4L, Holyoke, was arrested at 8:20 p.m. at the Holyoke Mall and charged with shoplifting.

Jeffrey M. Libardi, 34, of 20 Leary Ave., Apt. 1R, Chicopee, was arrested at 9:46 p.m. on Appleton Street and charged with trespassing, resisting arrest, and two counts of assault and battery on a police officer.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Jennifer Grayson, 28, of 178 Florence Road, Apt. 7A, Florence, was arrested at 12:36 a.m. on Hampden Street and charged with driving with a suspended license, driving without insurance, driving without a registration, and refusing to identify herself to police.

Luis Santiago Coriano, 31, of 675 High St., 2nd Floor, Holyoke, was arrested at 1:49 a.m. on Bristol Place on three warrants.

Friday, Feb. 14

Luis Alfonso Baez, of no known address, was arrested at 1:03 a.m. on Elm Street and charged with trespassing.

Gualbert Alvarez, 42, of 72 Essex St., Apt. 14, Holyoke, was arrested at 5:15 a.m. on Elm Street and charged with trespassing.

Jamie M. Garcia, 31, of no known address, was arrested at 5:15 a.m. on Elm Street and charged with trespassing and possession of a class B drug.

Augusto Serrano Berrios, 41, of 20 Hamilton St., Apt. 3R, Holyoke, was arrested at 5:15 a.m. on Elm Street on a warrant and also charged with trespassing.

Isaac Cruz, 29, of 48 Wilmont St., Apt. 3, Springfield, was arrested at 12:16 p.m. at the Holyoke Mall and charged with shoplifting.

Alexander Langford, 28, of 176 Maynard St., Springfield, was arrested at 6:33 p.m. on Appleton Street and charged with trespassing.

Luis Hernandez, 33, homeless, was arrested at 9:35 p.m. at the Holyoke Mall and charged with shoplifting.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Alexzander Martinez, 45, homeless, was arrested at 12:08 p.m. at the Holyoke Mall and charged with shoplifting.

Kenneth Ramos Gonzalez, 21, of 175 Laurelton St., Springfield, was arrested at 5:40 p.m. on Maple Street and charged with driving without a license, driving without a registration, and a number plate violation to conceal identity.

Jamie M. Garcia, 31, of no known address, was arrested at 6:52 p.m. on Appleton Street on a warrant.

Sunday, Feb. 16

Carlos Gabriel Rivera, 24, of 11 Worcester Place, Holyoke, was arrested at 2:57 a.m. on Elm Street and charged with trespassing.

Terrence Vaughan, 33, of 30 St. Jerome Ave., Apt. 2R, Holyoke, was arrested at 7:32 p.m. on St. Jerome Avenue and charged with assault and battery, assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and threatening to commit a crime.

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20P0241EA
Estate of:
Marie Alice Griffin
Date of Death:12/15/2019
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Thomas B Griffin** of South Hadley MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Michael Hooker, Esq.** of Northampton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **03/06/2020**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 07, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
2/21/2020

NOTICE
The Massachusetts State Lottery Commission (MSLC) has received a KENO License application from:

**WYCKOFF COUNTRY CLUB
233 EASTHAMPTON ROAD
HOLYOKE, MA**

Estimated weekly traffic: (number of people):500
Current No. of Cashier positions selling Lottery products: 0

Percentage of floor space currently devoted to Lottery sales: 0%

Percentage of floor space for KENO sales: 5%

Estimated annual gross revenues of current Lottery products: \$0

Estimated percentage of gross revenues from sales of Lottery products: 7%

Estimated net income to be derived by sales of KENO products at this location: \$6,000

Written objection to the application, by the Local Licensing Authority, must be received by Gregory Polin, General Counsel, Legal Department, Massachusetts State Lottery, 150 Mount Vernon St., Dorchester, MA 02125 – 3573.
2/21/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20C0051CA
In the matter of:
Misamaris Melendez
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Misamaris Melendez** of Holyoke MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Misamaris Sempit
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/11/2020**.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 19, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
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2/21/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20C0033CA
In the matter of:
Ronan Edward Nichols
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A **Petition to Change Name of Minor** has been filed by **Ronan Edward Nichols** of Holyoke requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Ronan Edward Warzecka
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/04/2020**.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 05, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
2/21/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD20P0109EA
Estate of:
Stanley Orszulak
Date of Death:**

**December 14, 2019
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jozef Orszulak** of Holyoke, MA.

Jozef Orszulak of Holyoke, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
2/21/2020

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- 6-175 Oak Street #2020-006

Documents will be available electronically after 10:00 AM on 2/12/20 at: belangerl@holyoke.org and or sheridanb@holyoke.org. Proposals are due on 3/19/20 at 2:00 PM.

The City of Holyoke reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals.
2/14, 2/21/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20P0242EA
Estate of:
John D Robidoux
Date of Death: 01/17/2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Valerie L. Dec** of Chicopee MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Valerie L. Dec** of Chicopee MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/06/2020**.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 07, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
2/21/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD20P0285EA
Estate of:**

**Frederick J. Smith
Date of Death:
October 29, 2019
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Thomas J. Smith** of Exeter, NH a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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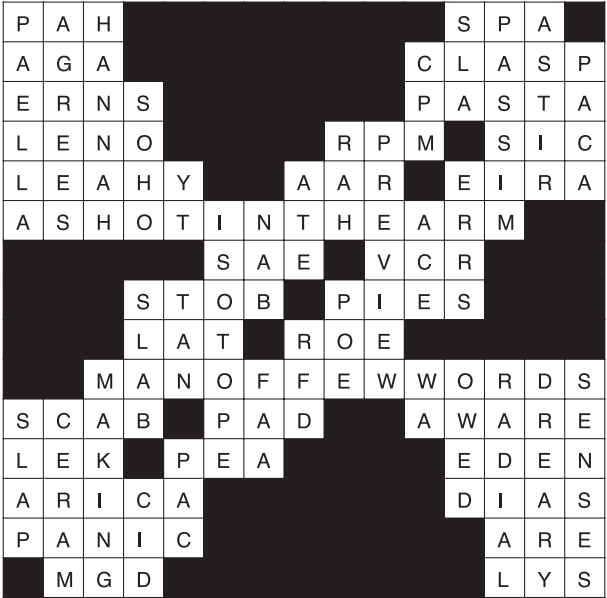
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2/21/2020

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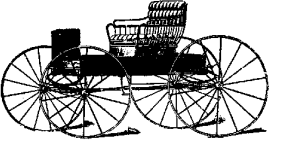
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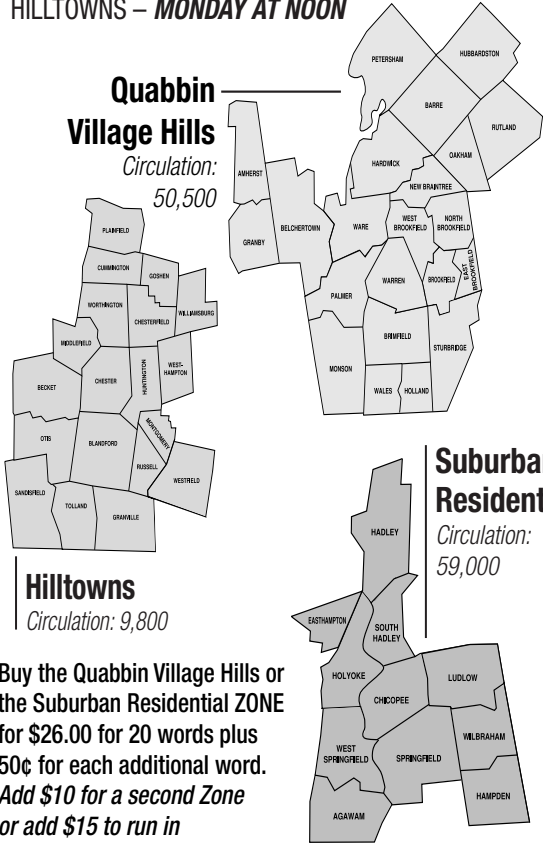
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